

## Frederick County HealthCare Coalition Executive Committee Meeting Minutes

**Date:** October 1, 2007

**Location:** Frederick County Health Department

**Attendance:** Barbara Brookmyer  
Gail Griffin  
Pat Hanberry  
Leigh Joos  
David Liddle  
Helen Monk  
Maria Shuck  
Tom Werner  
Jim Williams

### Minutes

Approval of September 4 minutes with the following correction: **No vote taken regarding the Wellness Committee and instead decided to revisit the issue at the November meeting. Motion by David Liddle seconded by Tom passed unanimously.**

### Committee Reports

#### **Prescription Committee**

CME presentation of cost differences between generic and brand name medicines was held. Working on Prescription Assistance Resource Guide. Medbank of Maryland Pharmacy and five pharmaceutical companies have offered free, 90-day supply of the most expensive prescription medications while patients are awaiting approval of the long-term entitlement programs.

Exploring ways to implement the program in Frederick County—a Community Prescription Assistance Office and an organization that would agree to receive and dispense the medications.

Elements for a legislative recommendation in the area of prescription assistance are being developed and will be presented to this Executive Committee. Outside of the Prescription Assistance area, as noted last year, the income limit to qualify for Medicaid for a single person (others proportionally low) is still \$350 per month (~40% of federal poverty level). These limits have not been increased since 1994.

#### **Availability Subcommittee**

Met 9/26 and finalized resource guide as a quick reference sheet for person working with patients. Copies will be made for attendees of Coalition meeting and will also distribute to providers along with a cover letter and prescription resource guide. **Motion to approve resource guide made by Pat and seconded by Jim approved unanimously.** Wrapping up dental survey with Health Department to support application for Frederick

to be deemed eligible by the Feds as an exceptional medically underserved population/area.

### **Affordability Subcommittee**

Met 9/28. Working on Federal and State insurance program proposals. Congressman Bartlett only MD legislator who did not support the reauthorization bill for the State Children's Health Insurance Program. Also discussed the November 3 Frederick County public delegation meeting at FCC and are looking for people with real stories to speak. It will be held at FCC's 1<sup>st</sup> floor Room E126ABC beginning at 8:30 a.m. and ending 4:00 p.m.

### **Need Assessment Subcommittee**

Press release issued and Gazette article published last week. The Committee will go through a practice run today for the BOCC presentation and will discuss adding more access related slides for Wednesday's Coalition meeting.

## **Old Business**

### **October 3<sup>rd</sup> Coalition Meeting**

Logistics – will not need Julie present. Leigh volunteered to work sign-in table using preprinted name list. The Committees will not present their reports verbally, only in writing, but will ask Chairs to stand up. Since agenda is small—welcome, needs assessment findings, and wrap up no hard copies of agenda will be distributed. One-page committee reports will be distributed.

### **Budget**

Send suggestions to Jim.

## **New Business**

### **Grants**

Grant proposal discussion for two applications for a new fund of the Community Foundation, The Joseph D. Byrd Fund. One application proposes to establish a privately hosted enhanced web site for the Coalition to improve communication, a key factor to successful integration of community efforts to improve access to quality timely health care. The second proposal is to build on a grant received by the FCHD by supporting a coordinator to develop a model for expanding sustainable access to care by supporting a part-time clerical services coordinator. **Motion to approve grant proposals with revisions as discussed and with Jim Williams as the authorized signatory was made by Helen and seconded by Gail passed unanimously.**

**Next meeting date: October 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Meeting Adjourned: 9:50AM**